

JUNE 9, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Palmer at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith was also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Dye, support by Barr to approve the agenda. Upon a voice vote, **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

PRESENTATION – Mark Breederland of Michigan Sea Grant reviewed a research project being conducted for their program. He presented slides of Lake Michigan beach levels from 1938 thru 2021 that indicated the erosion of the shoreline and the impact of wind direction. Best practices for Empire's beach were reviewed. This included snow fencing on the beach and restoring sand to beach after seasonal storms have displaced it. A copy of the presentation was provided for Village records.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATION – None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Bacon reported on the Tree Workshop and the Planning Commission meeting. Dye reported on the Parks Committee. Palmer shared minutes from the Beautification Committee.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

TEMPORARY TREASURER POSITION – Davis reviewed a letter of resignation from Treasurer Nelson effective June 30th. He appointed Shannon Schultz to the remainder of this term. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to accept the resignation of Sheree Nelson effective June 30, 2022. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

Motion by Bacon, support by Palmer to confirm the appointment of Shannon Schultz to fulfill the remainder of the Treasurer's term ending November 30, 2022. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

PORTABLE RESTROOMS – Discussion included whether these were a benefit to residents, responsibility to provide, impact on existing farmer’s market and neighbors, and the location of existing facilities. **Motion by Dye, support by Palmer to install two porta johns (one regular and one handicap) and locate them at the open space for 3 months. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis. MOTION DEFEATED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – A ~~disdainful~~ comment was made regarding those Council members voting against the motion for portable restrooms.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Comments in support of portable restrooms were repeated.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:18 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the June 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting.